

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2021**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following without quorum.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

None

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

City Council – None

Art Selection Committee – None

Student Representatives – None

C. STAFF REPORT

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet, and provided an update of the following items:

- Moving to in-person for September meeting
- Meeting with County Parks and HWPI for Dexter-Chelsea Connector
- Community Spaces Public Places – Chelsea B2B

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:25pm via Zoom Meetings.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Becky Murillo – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Jamie Griffin – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Ron Miller – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Joanne Wagner – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Commissioners Absent: Henkemeyer, Marques, and Young

Student Representatives Present:

Caitlyn Donnelly – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Will O'Haver – Present remotely in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan

Student Representatives Absent: Butrum

Others Present: Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk; James Sprague; Julie Swanson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Murillo; Second by Griffin to approve the minutes from June 15, 2021 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Griffin; Second by Murillo to approve the agenda as presented with the following edit:

- Modify the agenda to start with New Business Item 7-A.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: PLAYGROUND SWING DONATION

Julie Swanson presented information related to her desire to donate an accessible swing in Mill Creek Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the proposed donation:

- Process for soliciting donations
- Process for accepting the donation of money to purchase a swing, or the swing itself

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Wagner to recommend to City Council the acceptance of the donation and recommend that Julie Swanson proceed with fundraising.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

B. DISCUSSION OF: PING PONG IN DEXTER

The Parks and Recreation Commission spoke with resident James Sprague, then discussed the following related to ping pong in Dexter:

- Moving forward with getting DDA feedback on 3045 Broad St.
- Release survey to start getting feedback

Support by Murillo; seconded by Griffin to release the survey with text amendments and to get information regarding improving the concrete slab at 3045 Broad st.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

C. DISCUSSION OF: STREET TREE PLANTING BID AND RESIDENT COST SHARE APPLICATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission spoke with Community Development Manager Michelle Aniol and discussed the following related to the street tree planting bid package and resident tree cost share program:

- Walked through tree species
- How the bid is put out and recommendation process from the Parks and Recreation Commission to City Council
- Explained the resident cost share street tree planting program

D. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Mill Creek Park Playground project:

- Keeping the structure and expanding versus replacing the structure
- Costs for a foam base
- Can a foam base be laid after the structures are installed?
 - Reach out to other communities and vendors to see how much foam base costs
 - For September, members should go look at the park, and do a vision board

E. DISCUSSION OF: SPLASH PADS

The Commission expressed a desire to discuss this item at a future meeting.

F. DISCUSSION OF: FIRST STREET PARK

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to First Street Park:

- Discussion for First Street Park for next budget year
- List of items for that remain to be completed

OLD BUSINESS

None

PARKS AND TREES MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Ping Pong
- Swing Donation

Motion by Murillo; Second by Wagner to not hold a meeting in August

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

The Commission welcomed Will O'Haver and Caitlyn Donnelly

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Griffin adjourn the meeting at 10:10pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer

City Manager and City Clerk